

## Message Text

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EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR SY US SZ SZ  
SUBJ: PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH THE SYRIAN PRESIDENT IN GENEVA

REF: STATE 66477

1. AS WEITNAUER IS OUT OF BERN THIS WEEK, I CALLED ON FIRST DIVISION CHIEF ANTON HEGNER TO REQUEST SWISS GOVERNMENT CONCURRENCE IN THE PRESIDENT'S MEETING ASAD IN GENEVA. HEGNER TOLD ME HE AND FEDERAL COUNCILOR GRABER HAVE DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF A MEETING (HAVING SEEN PRESS SPECULATION). SWISS ARE DELIGHTED THAT THE PRESIDENT AND ASAD WISH TO MEET ON SWISS SOIL AND HEGNER ANTICIPATES NO DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING FORMAL SWISS CONCURRENCE. "FOR PROTOCOLARY REASONS" GRABER MAY WISH TO CONSULT HIS COLLEAGUES, AND THE SWISS GOVERNMENT WILL GIVE US FORMAL CONFIRMATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. I MADE ALL THE POINTS AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL, EMPHASIZING THE NEED TO HOLD INFORMATION CLOSELY NOTWITHSTANDING INEVITABLE PRESS SPECULATION.

3. ALTHOUGH HEGNER CLAIMS HE KNOWS CONFERENCE SITES AROUND GENEVA PRETTY WELL, HE DID NOT IMMEDIATELY RECOGNIZE

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"CHALET" HENRY CATTO DESCRIBES. IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO GIVE ME A MORE DETAILED DESCRIPTION IF OUR INTEREST IN THIS LOCATION IS STRONG. WE SHALL ALSO FOLLOW UP HERE AND WITH US MISSION GENEVA. DAVIS

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